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- Zate: Airfield is located west of Postoloprty(N 50-22, E 13-43) on the south side of the Postoloprty - Chomutov highway. The highway borders the airfield on the northeast. The airfield stretches along this highway from the crossroads of the Chomutov-Zatec road up to the Most-Zatec road, which cuts across both roads. The Postoloprty-Zatec highway forms the southwest boundary and the Most-Zatec highway the western boundary of the airfield.
- The ground of the airfield is composed of deep fertile humus. The elevation of the airfield is 272 meters at its highest point near Tatinna. The surface slopes down from there in a southerly direction with a difference in elevation of 20 meters.
- 3. In May 1953 there was reconstruction work in progress on the airfield. South of the Postoloprty-Chomutov highway and parallel with it at a distance of about eight meters, a concrete taxi strip was under construction. The strip, 12 meters wide and 1,200 meters long, was laid with concrete plates on a rolled gravel foundation.
- 4. Two sheet-metal hangars are located on the north side of the airfield near the junction of a road to Tatinna and the Postoloprty-Chomutov highway. The hangars are about 40 meters south of the highway and measure 12×24 meters. Aircraft are usually parked south of the hangars. Two other hangars are situated at the southern corner of the airfield and north of Stankovice. The hangars are of sheet metal and measure 50 \times 25 meters. A group of single-story huts is around the hangars. There were rumors that in 1951-1952 underground hangars were built at the airfield.
- Fourteen semi-detached houses of a uniform type have been built on the southern side of the airfield east of Stankovice. The houses will quarter airforce personnel. A railroad track probably leads to the airfield, as tank cars were observed in the eastern corner of the airfield.

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6.	The runway runs probably in a west-to-east direction, but due to the unevenness of the surface this could not be observed. A large number of MIG-15s are at the air-field.
7.	Along the roads in the vicinity of the airfield notices forbidding stopping and photographing have been put up. Inconspicuously dressed StB men are always patrolling the roads and instantly examine the documents of any suspicious persons.

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